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tricts. Variola deaths occurred in eight of the thirteen districts of the city, not including deaths occurring in Hospital São Sebastião and in the Santa Casa de Misericordia.

There were no deaths from scarlet fever, whooping cough, dysentery, beriberi, or choleraic diseases of children. Measles was the cause of 1 death; diphtheria, 1; grippe, 18; typhoid fever, 1; leprosy,

1; malarial fevers, 6, and tuberculosis, 67.

Males, 229; females, 161. Natives, 229; foreigners, 69; nationality unknown, 1. By ages, less than 1 year, 60; more than 1 and less than 5 years, 40; 5 to 10, 15; 10 to 20, 40; 20 to 30, 66; 30 to 40, 64; 40 to 50, 38; 50 to 60, 24, and more than 60 years of age, 43. The daily average of deaths was 55.71, compared with 56.85 last week, and with 45 for the corresponding week last year.

The total number of deaths gives an annual coefficient per 1,000 of the population, reckoned at 850,000, of 23.98. By localities, the deaths occurred as follows: In homes, hotels, etc. (domiciles), 244; civil hospitals, 71; military hospitals, 7; in Santa Casa de Misericordia, 66; asylums, convents, etc., none; in ships in port, none; and 2 in locali-

ties unknown.

During the same period there were 269 births and 59 marriages. The highest range of the thermometer was on the 22d, 29.8° C., and the lowest on the 17th, 19.3° C., with a daily average of 22.35° C. There was a total rainfall during the week of 10.16 mm., with a daily average fall of 1.45 mm.

I have this moment received information (from official source) that the bill for compulsory vaccination and revaccination has passed both of the houses of the Congress of this Republic and is now before the President awaiting his signature before becoming a law.

The regulations for the operation of this law are now in course of compilation, and copies will be forwarded your office as soon as

obtainable.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—City declared free from quarantinable diseases.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, September 27, as follows: For the week ended September 24, 1904, the health report shows 1 case each of diphtheria and enteric fever, with no deaths. The last recorded case of plague was found September 12, and on September 23 the Government declared Hongkong free from plague infection as well as from other quarantinable diseases.

Amoy has withdrawn the special quarantine regulations against

Hongkong.

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection.

By steamship *Dorie*, September —, for San Francisco, 57; for Honolulu, 8. By steamship *Shawmut*, October 1, for Seattle, 11; for Portland, Oreg., 4. By steamship *Tremont*, October 7, for Tacoma, 45. By steamship *Manchuria*, October 11, for San Francisco, 91; for Honolulu, 22.